

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHIPS INT'L INC. ET AL.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 23-cv-01677

ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL DATE  
AND RELATE DEADLINES

**SCHEDULING DATES**

Having reviewed the parties' Joint Status Report, Dkt. No. 50, the Court sets the following trial and related dates, which supersede any contrary dates set in the Court's previous scheduling order, Dkt. No. 22:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Bench Trial begins	August 4, 2025
Expert designations due by	November 8, 2024
Rebuttal expert designations due by	December 6, 2024
Fact discovery completed by	January 10, 2025

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Expert reports due by	January 17, 2025
Settlement conference under LCR 39.1(e) must be held no later than	January 20, 2025
Rebuttal expert reports due by	February 14, 2025
Expert discovery completed by	March 28, 2025
All dispositive motions and motions challenging expert witness testimony must be filed by ( <i>see</i> LCR 7(d))	April 25, 2025
All motions in limine must be filed by ( <i>see</i> LCR 7(d))	June 13, 2025
Deposition Designations must be submitted to the Court by ( <i>see</i> LCR 32(e))	July 8, 2025
Agreed pretrial order due	July 8, 2025
Trial briefs must be filed by	July 14, 2025
Pretrial conference begins	July 21, 2025

The Local Civil Rules set all other dates. The dates listed in this order and set by the Local Civil Rules are firm and cannot be changed by agreement between the parties. Only the Court may alter these dates, and it will do so only if good cause is shown. Failure to complete discovery within the time allowed does not establish good cause. If any of the dates identified in this Order or the Local Civil Rules fall on a weekend or federal holiday, the act or event must be performed on the next business day.

1 If the scheduled trial date creates an irreconcilable conflict, counsel must  
2 email Grant Cogswell, Courtroom Deputy, at grant\_cogswell@wawd.uscourts.gov  
3 within 10 days of the date of this Order, explaining the exact nature of the conflict.  
4 Failure to do so will be deemed a waiver. Counsel must be prepared to begin trial on  
5 the date scheduled but should understand that trial may have to await the  
6 completion of other cases.

### 7 **COOPERATION**

8 As required by LCR 37(a), all discovery matters should be resolved by  
9 agreement if possible. Counsel are also directed to cooperate in preparing the final  
10 pretrial order in the format required by LCR 16.1, except as ordered below.

### 11 **EXHIBITS**

12 The parties must deliver one copy of their respective trial exhibits to Grant  
13 Cogswell, Courtroom Deputy, five (5) days before the trial date. Each exhibit must  
14 be clearly marked on the face of the exhibit. Each set of exhibits must be submitted  
15 in a three-ring binder with appropriately numbered tabs. The Court alters the LCR  
16 16.1 procedure for numbering exhibits as follows: Plaintiff's exhibits should be  
17 numbered consecutively beginning with 1; Defendant's exhibits should include the  
18 prefix "A" and should be numbered consecutively beginning with A-1. Duplicate  
19 documents should not be listed twice. Once a party has identified an exhibit in the  
20 pretrial order, any party may use it.

21 In addition, no later than seven (7) days before the trial date, the parties  
22 should send an electronic copy of all exhibits in .PDF format with Optical Character  
23 Recognition ("OCR") searchable text to Grant Cogswell, Courtroom Deputy. The

1 parties should notify the court of any physical objects or files that cannot be  
2 transmitted electronically. Exhibits must be marked as described above, and the  
3 following protocols also apply: (1) Electronic exhibits must be transmitted  
4 individually (i.e., one exhibit per file), but exhibits may have multiple pages; (2)  
5 Exhibit file names should match the descriptions listed on the joint exhibit list as  
6 closely as possible except that file names should not exceed 80 characters, e.g., Ex. 1  
7 – Accident Scene Photo; Ex. A-1 – Email dated 4-03-23.

### 8 SETTLEMENT

9 If this case settles, counsel must notify Grant Cogswell, Courtroom Deputy,  
10 as soon as possible at grant\_cogswell@wawd.uscourts.gov. An attorney who fails to  
11 give the courtroom deputy prompt notice of settlement may be subject to sanctions  
12 or discipline under LCR 11(b).

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14 Dated this 24th day of October, 2024.

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16 Jamal N. Whitehead  
17 United States District Judge  
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